

## WHAT IS LENT?

For centuries, Lent has been observed as a special time of self-examination and penitence. This name "Lent" comes from the Old English *lencten* (springtime, spring) and from West Germanic *langitinaz* (long-days or lengthening of the day.) The word "Alleluia" is not used in the words of the readings or hymns to mark this season of renewal as a special time. A custom during Lent is to give up things or take on others. Both can serve to mark the season as a time of preparation. The season is 40 days plus the six Sundays and concludes on Easter. Purple is the liturgical color of the season and is reflected on the cross in the baptistery and the stoles for the ministers and choir.

## FAMILY WORSHIP

Today is the last Sunday of the month. These days are designated as "Family Worship" days and all children sit with their families. Nursery care is available for children four and younger. Children's Worship will return next Sunday.

## JOINING FIRST BAPTIST

We receive new members in several ways. Those who have never publicly acknowledged Christ as Lord join by public profession of faith. Baptism is scheduled for a later date. Members of other Baptist congregations may transfer their membership to our congregation. We handle the details of contacting your current church. Members of other Christian faith traditions are invited to join by "statement of faith." Because other traditions vary in belief and practice, those joining by statement of faith are invited to speak with a minister before joining.

David Brooks  
Pastor

Keith A. Reaves  
Senior Associate/Minister of Worship

Tamara Tillman Smathers  
Minister of Education/Administration

Kristen Mathis  
Minister of Faith Development

Gwen Stephens  
Minister to Extended Family

Nick Georgian  
Minister to Students and Missions

Joan Hill, Organist    Beverly Harris, Pianist

## THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

### WORLD HUNGER OFFERING

Help meet the needs of the homeless and hungry by contributing to the monthly hunger offering. Please put this offering in an envelope and mark it "WORLD HUNGER" and place it in the offering plate or give it to one of our youth with a basket at the exits following worship.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER & SILENT AUCTION** - Today from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m.  
Part of the auction is already open! Come bid on items in the Dining Room at any time today.

**COMMUNITY HOLY WEEK SERVICES APRIL 3-5**  
Join us at noon in the Sanctuary during Holy Week. Lunch (donations accepted) follows.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE** - April 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
This moving service takes us through the final hours of Christ's life and prepares us for the joy of Easter morning. The service includes special music by the Sanctuary Choir, Communion and Tenebrae.

**HANDS OF CHRIST - SERVE DAY**  
Saturday, April 22 is Hands of Christ Serve Day. We have mission opportunities for everyone, no matter what age! If you are unable to participate in person you can still serve in an impactful way by making a financial contribution. Please fill out the Serve Day questionnaire on the website before March 29 to let us know that you are planning to participate. The Mission Committee will send a follow-up email in the first week of April with a list of specific mission projects available.

**MARY MCDONALD IN CONCERT**  
Internationally acclaimed composer and musician Mary McDonald will be in concert with the Sanctuary Choir (with a special appearance by our Children's Choir) on Sunday, April 30 in the morning worship service and for a full concert at 4 p.m. that afternoon.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### SUNDAY, MARCH 26

8:30 a.m. Missions Committee - Conference Room  
9:45 a.m. Bible Study  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
5:00 p.m. Children's Ministry Dinner & Silent Auction - Fellowship Hall & Dining Room  
6:00 p.m. Student Small Groups & Dinner - Student Room

### MONDAY, MARCH 27

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Dining Room  
5:15 p.m. First Baptist Ringers - Choir Suite

### TUESDAY, MARCH 28

1:30 p.m. Properties Committee - Conference Room  
6:00 p.m. Churns Bible Study - Conference Room

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

FBC Serves Community Kitchen  
5:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner  
5:45 p.m. Children's Choirs  
6:00 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study - Fellowship Hall  
Student Life - Student Room  
6:30 p.m. Kids J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)  
Student Discipleship - Student Room  
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Suite

### THURSDAY, MARCH 30 & FRIDAY, MARCH 31

FBC Serves Community Kitchen

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God through the Jo Huffman Flower Fund.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of James Henry Williams and Nell Gilreath Williams on the occasions of their birthdays by their daughter Kay Williams New and Family.

CBF Offering for  
GLOBAL MISSIONS

GOAL: \$40,000  
GIVEN: \$41,293

# TEACH US TO PRAY

A Worship Series for Lent based on the Lord's Prayer



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
ROME, GEORGIA

MARCH 26, 2023  
11:00 A.M.

## CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### PRELUDE

"Amazing Grace"...arr. Matthew Naughtin  
Paula Pasqua, Joe Lester, violin; Samantha Lester, viola; Tara Suswal, cello

### CALL TO WORSHIP NO. 189

Kristen Mathis

### HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 576

"I Stand Amazed in the Presence"

## A CALL TO CONFESSION

As we embrace forgiveness and release our pain, lead us not into temptation.

Show us a path that is far from the things that tempt us:

Things that are destructive;

things that are addictive;

that tear us down and destroy our relationships.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Hear Your children as we call to You:

Teach us to pray; teach us to pray. We are your child - ren; help us

know just what to say. Teach us to wor - ship, love and a - dore. Thee; with

Your un - der - stand - ing teach us, teach us to pray.

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS NO. 184**      “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

**READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE**      Matthew 4:1-11

Nick Georgian, reader

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup>But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” <sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; <sup>9</sup>and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” <sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.      **People: Thanks be to God.**

**GLORIA PATRI** (HYMN704)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. Amen.

**HYMN OF THE TEMPTATION**

“Our Lord, You Were Sent”  
FOUNDATION

Our Lord, you were sent to a place wild and vast  
To ponder your mission, to pray and to fast;  
Then hungry and weary, you faced night and day  
The subtle temptations to turn from God's way.

How could it be wrong to want bread on the shelf?  
To seek, in one's serving, to first serve one's self?  
But by God's own word you remained ever sure:  
It's only in God that our lives are secure.

How could it be wrong to step out and to dare,  
To prove with great drama the depths of God's care?  
But you knew God's word, true since all time began:  
It's wrong to expect God to work by our plan.

How could it be wrong to just once bow the knee,  
To shake hands with sin to achieve victory?  
Yet you made it clear that no matter the cost:  
Your path was obedience, your way was the cross.

Our Lord, in your struggle you chose to obey;  
God's word filled your heart and you trusted God's way.  
Now risen, you save us from sins that destroy;  
You give us your Spirit, your peace and your joy.

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**MORNING PRAYER**

Tamara Tillman Smathers

Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. **And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.** For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

Sanctuary Choir/String Quartet

“Come Find His Rest”...arr. Dan Forrest

(The anthem is placed in the Music Library in honor of Gwen Stephens, by the Sanker Family.)

Matthew Becher, Sydney Godfrey, soloists

Come weary one, leave thy labors; come lift thy head, see thy Savior and Friend.  
His arms are opened wide; O soul, be satisfied. Come find His rest.

Take His yoke upon thee, for He is gentle and lowly in heart.  
So learn from Christ the Lord – thy Portion and Reward. Come find His rest.

I heard the voice of Jesus say "Come unto me and rest  
Lay down, O weary one, lay down Your head upon my breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad.

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**SERMON**

David Brooks

“Lead Us and Deliver Us”

**HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 191**

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

**PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP**

Cy Farmer

**OFFERTORY**

“The Lord's Prayer”...Alfred Malotte/arr. Matthew Naughtin

(During this time, please meditate on the words of the Lord's Prayer.)

**THE WORK OF THE CHURCH**

Keith A. Reaves

**AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC DECISIONS**

**PASTORAL BLESSING**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**COMMISSIONING HYMN**

“Teach Us to Pray”

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”...arr. Herbert Colvin

Expenses for the String Quartet are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of Dr. Hugh Peacock and in honor of Janie Peacock.

## WELCOME!

We are honored you are with us today!  
Please fill out this form if you are a guest or  
in need of prayer support and place it in the  
offering plate or hand it to a minister. We  
promise to use it only to contact you about  
our church.

First visit to First Baptist Church

Returning guest

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status

Married  Single  Widow(er)

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Children at Home (Name/Age/Grade)

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I am new to Rome.

I am interested in knowing more  
about First Baptist Church.

Please have a minister contact me.

I am interested in becoming a  
member of First Baptist Church.

Add me to the newsletter email list.

I am a guest of:

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Please pray for:

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